(a) whether a large number of Hanglu skins have been recovered recently from the processing unit at Nishut in Srinagar district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Department of Wildlife Protection, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir have reported that they have not received any such skins from the processing unit at Nishat in Srinagar District.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transport Subsidy on Seeds

3253. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme on Transport Subsidy on seeds has been extended to the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the requirement of seeds in the North-Eastern Region, the quantity of seeds supplied and subsidy extended to them during 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether the farmers in the North-Eastern States are facing difficulties in getting the required quantity of seeds in time;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The Central Sector Scheme on Transport Subsidy on Seeds is under implementation only in the North Eastern States and Sikkim from the year 1986-87.

(b) The requirement of Seeds in the North Eastern States during 1995-96 and 1996-97 as reported by the respective States is as under:

Qty. in Qtls.

State	Requirements	
	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3
Arunachal Pradesh	8950	10095
Assam	141220	148690
Manipur	27296	29038
Meghalaya	4641	7625
Mizoram	1005	1936
Nagaland	1400	1700
Tripura	5275	9745

It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to organise the supply of seeds to supplement the seeds available with farmers and through Private sources. The seeds supplied from outside the States in 1995-96 and 1996-97 under this scheme are given below:

(Qty. in Qtls.)

State	Quantity of Seed supplied by various implementing agencies	
	1995-96	1996-97
Arunachal Pradesh	481	289
Assam	44054	19824
Manipur	766	1632
Meghalaya	4587	4198
Mizoram	320	502
Nagaland	938	559
Tripura	1557	152

The transport subsidy extended to the implementing agencies in 1995-96 and 1996-97 amounts to Rs. 26.19 and Rs. 24.01 lakhs respectively. Since the subsidy is extended to the implementing agencies and not to the States. State-wise details are not maintained.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.